

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Unit

FAMILY DIVISION  
 Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff		v.		Defendant	
Name	DOB	Name	DOB		
Street Address		Street Address			
Apt. or P.O. Box Number		Apt. or P.O. Box Number			
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
Phone (Daytime)	Phone (Evening)		Phone (Daytime)	Phone (Evening)	
Plaintiff's E-mail Address		Defendant's E-Mail Address			
Attorney Name and Phone Number		Attorney Name and Phone Number			

**SUMMONS**

**THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Defendant

**1. PLAINTIFF** \_\_\_\_\_ **IS SEEKING A DIVORCE.** The Plaintiff's  
Name of Plaintiff  
 complaint begins on the next page. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights.

**2. TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS YOU SHOULD REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS.** Your written response is called an Answer. You can get an official court form for an Answer to a Divorce Complaint at any Vermont family court or on the Judiciary web site at <http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/eforms/default.aspx>.

**3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the complaint, you should say so in your Answer.

**4. IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN ANSWER OR FILE AN APPEARANCE, THE COURT IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY YOU OF HEARINGS IN THIS MATTER. If you do not attend the court hearings, the plaintiff may receive everything requested in the complaint.** You will not get a chance to tell your side of the story.

**5. YOU MUST GIVE OR SEND A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER TO THE PLAINTIFF . If the Plaintiff has an attorney, you must give or send a copy of your answer to the Plaintiff's attorney.**

**6. YOU MUST GIVE OR SEND YOUR ORIGINAL ANSWER TO THE COURT at this address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address of Court:

**7. LEGAL ASSISTANCE:** You may wish to get help from a lawyer. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still give the court a written Answer to protect your rights.

Court Clerk	Date
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## COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

### FACTS

The Plaintiff states that the following facts are true:

**1. Residence:**

(A) I am now a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
County State

I have resided in Vermont for 6 full months.

(B) Defendant is now a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
County State

Defendant has resided in Vermont for 6 full months.

**2. Marriage:** We were married at (city) \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (state) \_\_\_\_\_ on (month, date, year) \_\_\_\_\_  
 and are still married.

**3. Separation:** My spouse and I separated on (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Property, Assets and Debts:** I have listed all of the property, assets and debts that my spouse and I own either together or separately that are known to me, in the Financial Affidavit that I am filing with this Complaint.

**5. Public Assistance:**

I receive assistance from the Division of Economic Services (DES). (examples: Food Stamps, Reach Up)

My spouse receives assistance from the Division of Economic Services (DES).

**6. Earlier actions for divorce, legal separation, annulment:**

I have not filed for divorce, legal separation or annulment in any court against this spouse AND as far as I know, my spouse has not filed for divorce, legal separation or annulment against me.

I have filed OR my spouse has filed for divorce, legal separation or annulment before the date of the filing of this petition. *(If you check this box, you must fill in the information below. Use an additional page if necessary.)*

Type of Action	Who Filed	Where Filed (Court, County, State)	Year Filed

Please attach a copy of any Court Order issued in a case listed above.

**7. Relief from abuse or protective order proceedings:**

I have not filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against this spouse AND, as far as I know, my spouse has not filed such an action against me.

I have filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against this spouse OR my spouse has filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against me. *(If you check this box, you must complete the information below. Use an additional page if necessary.)*

Type of Action	Who Filed	Where Filed (Court, County, State)	Year Filed

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**8. Military Service:**

- My spouse is in the military service.
- My spouse is not in the military service.
- I am in the military service.
- I am not in the military service.

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

**I ask that the Family Court grant me:**

*(check each box that applies)*

- 1. Decree of Divorce**
- 2. Division of Property (divide our property, assets and debts).**
- 3. Spousal Maintenance (Alimony).**
- 4. Court costs.**
- 5. Attorney fees.**
- 6. Name change: I would like to resume my former name of: \_\_\_\_\_.**
- I have attached a written agreement signed by my spouse and myself. I ask that the court issue an order in this case that includes the provisions of our written agreement. (In order to qualify for the reduced filing fee, the attached agreement must cover all the issues that the plaintiff seeks to have the court resolve.)**

**I hereby swear or affirm that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

Signature of Plaintiff	Date
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Signed and sworn to or affirmed before me:

Date	Signature of Notary Public	Expiration Date
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